

Zoning Switch Proposed To Allow Baptist Manor

After lying dormant since 1964, plans for development of an 82-unit home for the aged in the northeast portion of Farmington Township have been reactivated by Detroit Baptist Manor, the Township

Planning Commission was informed this week. The commission has scheduled a public hearing for May 23 on the question of rezoning the 29-acre site on 13 Mile Rd., across from the Glen Oaks golf club, from its present multiple family designation (RC-2) to a category of special classification (SP) to permit the project. Representatives of the American Baptist Service Corp. told the commission that steps have been taken to obtain a federal loan of \$2.4 million to finance the undertaking. It hopes that work can be started before the end of 1968.

PLANS FOR the center first were outlined to the township in 1964, and the commission recently indicated, that unless there was an intention to proceed, it would take the initiative itself to rezone the property back to its original one-family residential classification.

The project envisions two residential buildings, a health center and a general purpose building for administrative of-

ices, dining room and recreation facilities. Living quarters would include 53 alcove bedroom apartments, 17 one-bedroom apartments and 12 two-bedroom apartments. The project would be operated on a non-profit basis and accommodations would be open to persons of all faiths.

Minimum age requirement for at least one person of each couple would be 62. Effort would be made to create a homelike atmosphere of naturalness and familiarity, the commission was told.

IN OTHER actions, the planning commission:

Approved a revision of the preliminary plat of the Heritage Hills subdivision to include 39 acres at the corner of 14 Mile and Drake Rds.

Gave preliminary plat approval to the subdivision of Phillip Hudson Gardens North, located south of 13 Mile Rd. between Drake and Farmington Rds., pending settlement of a dispute with the Oakland County Road Commission over width of a roadway to be built in the area.

Society To Hear Student

Farmington High School senior Jim Atkinson will detail his research on an ill-fated project of the early 1800's to build a canal across southern Michigan, at an open meeting of the Farmington Historical Society to be held at 8 p.m. April 24 in Dunckel Junior High School.

Atkinson will relate how he became interested in the history of the canal, his sources of information, his background on the project's failure and show photographs of the canal's first few miles still remaining near Rochester.

Also on the evening's agenda is the showing of slides on "Farmington, Yesterday and Today." The slides were prepared in 1965 by three Farmington elementary teachers, Ann Compton, no longer with the system, Lucille Daubner and Robert McLean. Kay Briggs, society vice president, arranged this portion of the program.

In the planning stages is the society's annual chicken dinner, scheduled for May 15 with plans to be announced.

Mrs. Ernest Blanchard, of Colorado, formerly of Farmington, has informed the society that she would like to give away her 1840 Greek Revival house on Grand River, opposite Independence Green. Those interested should call Lee S. Peel, GR 6-2073, evenings.

Community Center Planners To Meet

Area residents interested in the proposal to convert the "Longcrest" estate of the late Luman Goodenough into a community center will hold their second general meeting at 8 p.m., Wednesday, April 24 in Middlebelt Elementary School.

Committees which have been delving into specific aspects and problems of the undertaking are due to submit their reports at this meeting.

On the basis of these reports it is hoped that the group can reach a decision on whether

or not to go ahead with the project.

Heirs of the late Mr. and Mrs. Goodenough have offered the family mansion at 24705 Farmington Rd. and five surrounding acres as a gift to the community for use by both youth and adult organizations, if a non-profit entity is created to take over its operation and maintenance.

All civic groups in greater Farmington are invited to send representatives to the April 24 meeting.



NEW EAGLE SCOUT — Arthur "Ike" Tiernan of 31550 Lamar, Farmington, received the Eagle Scout award April 15 during a Court of Honor. A member of Farmington Scout Troop 45; he receives the award from Scoutmaster Harold Bassman while his parents Mr. and Mrs. Miles Tiernan watch. The elder Tiernan has been a district scout officer.

County Abandons Load Restrictions

News of interest to Farmington residents about Oakland County during the past week has included: COUNTY — The Oakland County Road Commission has announced that the spring reduction for wheel and tire loads will be discontinued at 6 p.m. Monday, April 23 with the exception of certain roads and streets that are posted for continued reduced loading limitations.

NOVI — Vellien & Lemay Associates, the Farmington Township Planning Commission, have been named by the Village Council to serve the village as the professional planner.

NOVI — The Village Council has ordered the Novi Police Officers Association to hold an election to be named as the sole bargaining agent for the police before contract negotiations could begin.

SOUTHFIELD — Negotiations between the city and representatives of the police and fire personnel seem to be deadlocked. According to reports the city administration has offered a 3 1/2 per cent wage hike for the coming year, while the department personnel are demanding a 10 per cent hike. Both departments are tied together on wage scales through a parity-pay amendment to the city charter.

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Fire Damages Local Drive-In

Minor damage to the Mr. Swiss Drive-In restaurant, 22455 Farmington Rd., resulted from a fire the afternoon of April 16 which police said was caused by the careless burning of rubbish.

The blaze broke out at the rear of the building and spread to a nearby wood storage bin. Officers who first arrived on the scene kept it under control with fire extinguishers and a garden hose until the arrival of city fire fighting apparatus.

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